

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

KAREN DIANE STEGNER,

Case No. C18-5227-JPD

Plaintiff,

V.

NANCY A. BERRYHILL, Deputy
Commissioner of Social Security for
Operations,

ORDER REVERSING AND REMANDING
FOR FURTHER ADMINISTRATIVE
PROCEEDINGS

Defendant.

Plaintiff brought this action to seek judicial review of the denial of her application for disability benefits by the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration. Dkt. 4. The parties have stipulated that this case should be reversed and remanded for further administrative proceedings pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). Dkt. 15.

Based on the stipulation of the parties, the Court ORDERS that this case be REVERSED and REMANDED for further administrative proceedings. Upon remand, the Appeals Council shall consider whether the record warrants issuing an immediate decision. If the record needs further development, the Appeals Council shall direct the Administrative Law Judge to update the medical records, obtain a medical expert opinion to evaluate whether the severity of plaintiff's multiple sclerosis, in combination with her other impairments meets or equals the listings, especially 11.09 (as amended on 6/29/2016). If warranted, plaintiff's residual functional

1 capacity shall be reassessed and supplemental vocational evidence may be obtained to reevaluate
2 whether there are jobs in the national economy the claimant could still perform despite her
3 limitations.

4 DATED this 5th day of September, 2018.

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6 JAMES P. DONOHUE
7 United States Magistrate Judge